



Fig. 1

COMPUTER 200

PROCESSOR 202

RANDOM ACCESS
MEMORY 204

PRE-BOOT CODE LOADING
MEANS FOR READING PRE-
BOOT CODE FROM FILE(S) AND
PASSING CONTROL TO IT 230

PERIPHERAL STORAGE DEVICES 206

FLOPPY DRIVE 208

TAPE DRIVE 212

CD-ROM DRIVE 210

REMOVABLE DRIVE 234

HARD DRIVE 214

MASTER BOOT RECORD 228

PARTITION 216

FILE SYSTEM 218

FILE(S) 220 CONTAINING IMAGE 222
WHICH HOLDS AT LEAST SOME
PRE-BOOT CODE 224

ROM/BIOS 232

USUAL OPERATING SYSTEM(S) 226

Fig. 2